

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application  
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**In the Specification:**

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 8 of page 1, including the heading "Prior Art".

At page 1, above line 8, please add the following new section headings and title of the invention:

**--TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

**Cosmetic Preparations Containing Glycyrrhetic Acid Derivatives**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

At page 2, at line 6 thereof, please delete the section heading "Description of the Invention", and insert the following new section heading:

**--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

At page 2, at line 18 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

**--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--**

At page 38, at line 1 thereof, please delete the section heading "CLAIMS", and insert the following new section heading:

**--What is claimed is:--.**

On a separate, new page 40, please add the following new section heading and paragraph containing an Abstract of the Disclosure:

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**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Disclosed are cosmetic preparations and, more particularly, skin and hair care and cleaning products with an amount of at least one glycyrrhetic antibacterial agent selected from glycyrrhetic acid, glycyrrhetic acid derivatives and extracts of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, and their salts, effective to inhibit or prevent the growth of bacteria. The cosmetic preparations may include other antibacterial or antibiotic agents. The glycyrrhetic antibacterial agent and, optionally, the antibacterial or antibiotic agents may be provided in microencapsulated form. Also disclosed is the use of such cosmetic preparations for treating acne.--